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Walking

By A. D. McSweeney

Alf Poole Wins Midland "10"

THE bad weather conditions generally kept down the number of starters in the races which were held on the roads last Saturday, and George Coleman, the holder, and his Vauxhall Motors team, were, among others, unable to get to West Bromwich for the Midland Senior Ten Miles Championship.

This was a big pity because a great fight had been expected between Coleman, now getting towards the veteran stage as far as sprint walking is concerned, and Alf Poole, who has been steadily closing the gap on George. So Poole won, but lanky George Chaplin, of Coventry Godiva, put up quite a good show after a too big an effort early on.

Poole and Chaplin went ahead with Ken Matthews (Royal Sutton) third. Before the three miles point Poole shook off Chaplin and then Matthews moved up into second place. This looked as though it would be the finishing order, but Chaplin made a strong come-back in the last couple of miles to repass the young Sutton Coldfield man and to gain considerably on Poole.

Jack Rawlings did well to finish first for Leicester, who were very easy winners of the team race, but it must be the first time for 20 years that Albert Staines, a former holder of the title, has not figured in their scoring team. Lower down, John Edgington, of Godiva, the recent Midland "Standard" winner, rather disappointed with a time of 87.49, to finish two minutes behind D. Trigg, of Leicester. Trigg has come on a lot in the last few weeks, and is one of the most improved young walkers in the Area.

In the South, Surrey W.C. carried on with their race against Belgrave and the Police, over the exposed Banstead course, but Belgrave dominated with first four home. Eric Hall won, but Bob McMullen put up a very good time and, on this showing, is back to his best of a few years ago.

Trowbridge A.C. have a small but good class entry for their 7 miles "Pewsey" Cup race at Swindon to-day. Metropolitan, the holders, have Bryan Hawkins and Don Thompson out. They will be opposed by a fairly useful Belgrave team as well as by Worcester H. and, of course, Trowbridge A.C. Vickers (Belgrave), and Poole (Worcester) will be Hawkins' chief opponents.

Boots, Boots, Boots, Boots!

When King Harold, way back in 1066, marched his mail-clad men the 200 miles stretch from Cirencester (Gloucestershire) to Hastings, to meet the foe, he little knew there would be repercussions in 1956 and involving the Surrey Walking Club.

History has it that this forced march was accomplished in 10 days, so our great granddads must have been tougher than we think. Then consider the state of the roads; but still the ancients didn't have to pull up for traffic lights every 400 yards, so perhaps it evens up. What's it all about?

Well, a film is in process of being made depicting the Battle of Hastings, and half a dozen Surrey Walking Club men have been selected to don armour, corresponding to that of those times—and weighing some 30-40lbs.—and to undertake one day's trek of 20 miles on the very road itself. Iron-clad boots won't make it any easier, but they've got to look the part. It should all be very interesting — it takes place on Sunday, March 11th—and particularly so if we get some heavy rain to rust up the armour. How does one drink a pint of beer if the visor gets stuck?

Midland Senior 10 Miles Championship, West Bromwich.—1, A. H. Poole (Worcester H.) 79.46; 2, G. Chaplin (Godiva H.) 80.55; 3, K. Matthews (R. Sutton) 83.05; 4, J. Rawlings (Leicester) 83.15; 5, V. Burr (Birmingham) 84.53; 6, W. Cooke (Leicester) 84.57; 7, W. Smith (Leicester) 85.41; 8, D. Trigg (Leicester) 85.48; 9, F. O'Reilly (Lozells) 87.02; 10, J. Edgington (Godiva) 87.49; 11, D. Carter (R. Sutton) 88.01; 12, A. Rozentals (R. Sutton) 89.12.

Teams: 1, Leicester W.C. 21; 2, R. Sutton 39; 3, Coventry Godiva H. 42; 4, Birmingham W.C. 76; 5, Leicester W.C. "B" 81; 6, Lozells H. 97.

Cambridge H. 10 Miles Club Championship, Bexley. 1, G. N. Weston 90.05; 2, K. W. Smith 97.43; 3, D. Flaxman 99.56. Handicap: D. Flaxman.

Lancashire W.C. 7 Miles Club Handicap. 1, P. Cotterall (14.30) 75.45; 2, J. Tempest (21.30) 76.20; 3, A. Pugh (17.35) 77.05.

Surrey W.C. Inter-Club "Banstead" 11½ miles. 1, E. Hall (Belgrave) 1.38.48; 2, R. D. McMullen (Belgrave) 1.39.22; 3, S. H. James (Belgrave) 1.44.0; 4, H. McGreechan (Police) 1.44.0; 5, R. E. Green (Surrey W.C.) 1.44.09; 6, D. Griggs (Surrey W.C.) 1.44.12 **Teams:** Belgrave H. 78, Surrey W.C. 132. Surrey W.C. 64, Police 72.

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EVERY SATURDAY — NINEPENCE

TO-DAY we have the Northern and Southern Cross-Country Championships and these should give us a line on the National race which follows in two weeks' time.

The Northern should go to Fred Norris, of Bolton, who is running better than ever this year, and Sheffield look to have the team title in safe keeping, though Bolton are coming back to form.

With several of the stars missing, the Southern race at Windsor seems likely to become a tussle between Ken Norris and Peter Driver for individual honours. I am not at all sure that Ken Norris is back at his best after his South American trip, and the way Peter Driver is running I have an idea it may be S.L.H. for team and individual titles. Ken might well prove me wrong, but he will need to be at his best to hold Driver this time. I look no further than South London for team honours, for they are the only team with a solid six.

Consistent Eddie Hardy won the Midland last Saturday, very easily, and Birchfield retained their team title, but only by the narrow margin of six points from Derby and Cty. Detailed results have not arrived as I write and these will be given next week with the other District results.

Finchley "20."

As readers will see from a letter published on another page, Finchley Harriers have, after noting the discussion carried on in our columns about their 20 miles race, decided to have a second class award. This should give considerable satisfaction all round, and I am sure the vast majority of runners will appreciate this gesture by the promoters.

Correspondence

The correspondence regarding "track etiquette" has brought in far more letters than we can publish. Many readers seem to have found this of more than passing interest, though one irate Ilford reader wrote to complain of the waste of space, as he called it.

Record!

Owing to a misprint last week, Bob Pape's time for 25 miles was given as 2hr.42min.46.1sec., which, as one reader points out, would have meant that he covered the last five miles at something like 25 miles per hour. The minutes should have been 22, not 42.

THE EDITOR.

The Ilford Ladies' Road Relay is being held on April 14th. Further details from Mrs. G. Dewey, 47 Eastwood Road, Goodmayes, Ilford, Essex.

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Australian News

By J. H. GALLI

AUSTRALIAN distance running is now growing so strong that we have two "hot" favourites for the Olympics in Dave Stephens and John Landy—both of Melbourne.

I saw Stephens shatter Emil Zatopek's world 6 miles record by 5.2sec. with 27.54.0, in Melbourne on Jan. 25th; and Landy ran the all-time second fastest mile of 3:58.6 on the same track on the hot afternoon of Jan. 28th. (Both were Victorian title races).

One cannot convincingly describe Stephens in words. He has to be seen to be believed; but I warn you, you've seen nothing like this fellow.

I say, without fear, that Stephens can break 27min. for 6 miles — or 28min. for 10,000 metres. He is that good, or will be within a few months.

The secret: Relaxation, and the ability to exploit it as no man in the world can. The free and uninhibited Dave is no stereotyped runner. He wastes not an atom of energy, and in the Olympics the world will see the NEW style in perfection.

Stephens set out to run 70sec. laps "as long as I can." The result was an amazing display of running. He never once wavered, and always there was a smile, almost of contentment, on his face.

The laps were: 70, 69, 69, 70 (4:38), 69, 70, 69, 70 (9:16), 71, 72, 71, 69 (13:59), 71, 70, 71, 69 (18:40), 70, 71, 70, 71.2 (23:22.2), 69.8, 70, 68, 64 (27:54), last 3 miles 13:55.

Stephens ran 3 to 4ft. out from the curb for the last 3½ miles, because the inside lane was badly cut up by the big field, and earlier races.

(Gordon Pirie, writing to Dave, warned that European runners would produce 28-29sec. 220s throughout the race, and described this type of running as "murder." I can tell Gordon that Dave can do that, too, only FASTER. And that after the first 5,000 metres, the opposition won't be doing anything like that at all! This is no exaggeration. Stephens is EXTRA-ORDINARY. His training is not a tenth as hard as Pirie's, yet he is a vastly superior runner. He lost 49 days' training last winter, and for nearly as long could do no more than jog 2 to 3 miles. At the start of the season he looked to be finished, yet half-way through it he shatters a world record. Dave hasn't

exploited his talent by so much as a quarter).

Landy is a new miler, a winning miler, as his lap times show: 61.2, 60.0, 59.8, 57.6. He reached 1500 in 3:43.2, ran the last 119½yds. in 15.4—only Tabori with 15.2 last year has done better in a sub-4min. mile.

Landy, aiming at the Olympic 1500 metres, is working to be able to pull out the speed he does have. His last lap was faster than either of Bannister's in the latter's two sub-4m. miles of 1954, and roughly 3 to 4sec. faster than his own of 1954.

But Landy lost a second (I'm sure) in the first lap. In the scramble for the inside running, he was boxed, and was last for a long time, having to run around eleven runners.

It is obvious John can run 3:55, maybe better, if he will learn to punish himself. So far it is promising.

Merv Lincoln ran magnificently to finish second in 400.6, thus moving to 7th on the all-time list, and having the equal-11th fastest mile of all time. Yet as of December 3rd last, Merv's best was 4:12.0!

Lincoln's laps were 61.8, 60.8, 60.2 and 57.8. He reached 1500m. in 3:44.4, and ran the last stretch in 16.2. He'll break 4min., but needs more finesse and relaxation, in addition to his great power and courage.

And what of the amazing, 18-years-old Ron Clarke! Third in this great mile in 4:07.6, then 4 days later (on a 5-lap grass track in Sydney) winning in 4:06.8, passing 1500 metres in 3:49.8.

Other outstanding recent performers: **100yd.:** Hec Hogan 9.5, Brian Randall 9.6, Al Gordon and Gary Bromhead 9.7; **220yd.:** Randall 21.6; **440yd.:** Kevan Gosper 47.2 (Aust. record); **800 m:** Landy 81:49.8; Geoff Fleming 1:51.0; **880 yd.:** Landy 1:50.4, Macmillan 1:51.7, Doug. Henderson 1:51.9; **1 mile:** Alex Henderson 4:08.0, John Plummer 4:08.2; **3 miles:** Albert Thomas (age 20), 13:36.0 (an improvement of 31.4 on his previous best), Dave Power 13:38.0, Landy 13:39.0, Stephens 13:47.8 (in extreme heat), Les Perry 13:50.8; **3000 metres:** Ron Blackney 8:16.2, Geoff Warren 8:16.4; **120yd. hurdles:** Ray Weinberg in amazing come-back after 2 years, in which he had barely 6 races, all except two in flat events, 14.3sec.; **220yd. hurdles:** Tony Lethbridge 24.1; **440yd. hurdles:** Geoff Goodacre 53.4, Lethbridge 54.1.

Women: 100yds.: Marlene Mathews (NSW) 10.5, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, Shirley Strickland 10.7; **100mtr.:** 11.7; 220yd.: 24.5, 24.7. **80m. hurdles:** Norma Austin 11.1, Shirley Strickland 11.2.

U.S.A. By H. E. D. O'Neill

Philadelphia, 20th Jan.—The surprise of the meeting was the defeat of Harrison Dillard, by Lee Calhoun, in the 50y. hurdles, which may seem to indicate that "Bones" is no longer infallible. The time of 6sec. dead equalled the world record. Phil Reavis (Villanova) followed up his Boston win of the previous week with an excellent leap of 6'10".

Other Olympic "hopes" in the shapes of Rod Richard (50yds.), Arnold Sowell (1000y.), Charlie Jenkins (600y.) and Bob Richards (P.V.) all won their events. Results:—

50y: 1, R. Richard 5.4; 2, J. Haines; 3, A. Kline. **600y:** 1, C. Jenkins 1:12.2; 2, M. Whitfield; 3, L. Jones. **1000y:** 1, A. Sowell 2:12.6; 2, G. Maynard; 3, T. Courtney. **Mile:** 1, R. Delaney 4:16.9; 2, L. Truex; 3, J. Deady; **2 Miles:** 1, H. Ashenfelter 9:06.6; 2, H. B. Ross; 3, F. Wilt. **50y.M:** 1, L. Calhoun 6.0; 2, H. Dillard; 3, C. Pratt. **HJ:** 1, P. Reavis 6'10"; 2, Dennis and Lee 6'6". **PV:** 1, R. Richards 15'3"; 2, D. Bragg 15'0"; 3, D. Laz and J. Welbourn both 14'10". **4 x 880y:** 1, Pittsburgh Un. 7:42.8 (Sowell 1:51.2).

Washington, 21st Jan. — Little-known Dave Sime won the sprint series from Andy Stanfield and Rod Richard and established a new indoor 100 yards record of 9.5 after winning the 70 in 7.0 and 80yds. in 8.0. Calhoun repeated his previous night's win at Philadelphia, this time his victims were Joe Shankle and Jack Davis. Other "repeaters" were Horace Ashenfelter and Bob Richards. Results:—

Sprint Series: 1, D. Sime 15pts.; 2, A. Stanfield 12pts. **600yds.:** 1, L. Jones 1:14.4; 2, J. Gaffney. **1000yds.:** 1, T. Courtney 2:14.2; 2, H. Bright; 3, G. Maynard. **Mile:** 1, G. King 4:11.3; 2, W. Tidwell; 3, L. Truex. **2 Miles:** 1, H. Ashenfelter 9:14.2; 2, W. Boehm. **70yM:** 1, L. Calhoun 8.3; 2, J. Shankle; 3, J. Davis. **HJ:** 1, J. Barksdale 6'6"; 2, C. Holding and Dennis 6'4". **P.V.:** 1, R. Richards 15'0"; 2, Laz and Welbourn 14'6".

MILLROSE GAMES, NEW YORK

4th February

Bob Richards won the pole vault for the tenth consecutive year with a meet record of

15ft. 4in., his 88th at 15ft. or over. Dave Sime beat all the cracks in the 60yd. dash, while Charley Jenkins again beat Lou Jones and Mal Whitfield to win the Sheppard 600. Lee Calhoun continued his winning way in the 60yd. hurdles, equalling the meet record of 7.2 in the heats. Ron Delaney and Alex Breckenridge beat the homesters in the mile and two miles, but the times were not exceptional.

60y: 1, D. Sime; 2, J. Haynes; 3, G. Sydnor; 6.2 (Sydnor eq. world rec. of 6.1 in heat). **600:** 1, C. Jenkins; 2, M. Whitfield; 3, L. Jones; 1:11.2. **880:** 1, T. Courtney; 2, H. Bright; 3, G. Maynard; 1:53.2. **Mile:** 1, R. Delaney; 2, L. Truex; 3, J. Deady; 4:09.5. **2 Miles:** 1, A. Breckenridge 2, B. Ross; 3, J. Kopil; 9:12.6. **60y. HH:** 1, L. Calhoun; 2, J. Davis; 3, N. Shankle; 7.3 (Calhoun eq. meet rec. 7.2 in heat). **HJ:** 1, E. Shelton and R. Barksdale eq. 6'8½" (meet rec.); 3, five tied at 6'6". **PV:** 1, R. Richards 15'4" (meet rec.); 2, four tied at 14'6".

Amendments to European B.P. List:—

100 m.
10.5 H. Dieter (Germany).
10.5 T. Shevchenko (U.S.S.R.).
10.5 L. Fedjajev (U.S.S.R.).
10.5 M. Selvi (Turkey).
10.5 V. Sukharjev (U.S.S.R.).
10.5 I. Mer (U.S.S.R.).
10.5 J. Vercruysse (Belgium).
200 m.
21.4 M. Kazantsev (U.S.S.R.).
400 m.
47.9 V. Strizhevskij (U.S.S.R.).
800 m.
1:49.0 A. Osminkin (U.S.S.R.).
1:49.4 V. Okorokov (U.S.S.R.).
3 000 m.
8:12.2 M. Szabo (Hungary).
2 Miles
8:47.4 L. Tabori (Hungary).
6 Miles
28:57.0 E. Zatopek (C.S.R.).
28:57.6 J. Santrucek (C.S.R.).
3,000 m S.C.
8:56.8 N. Tolstopjatov (U.S.S.R.).
110 m. H.
14.4 J. Bulantjik (U.S.S.R.).
14.4 V. Kumuska (U.S.S.R.).
14.5 I. Veselsky (C.S.R.).
14.6y E. Kinsella (Eire).
14.6 M. Tugushi (U.S.S.R.).
14.6 V. Kuznetsov (U.S.S.R.).
400 m H.
51.3 J. Litujev (U.S.S.R.).
51.7 V. Kumuska (U.S.S.R.).
52.1 V. Bogatov (U.S.S.R.).

BRITISH ATHLETES ON GERMAN

INDOOR TRACKS

THE small British party which competed at the indoor athletic meetings at Kiel, on February 4th, and Dortmund on February 5th, returned home without a win, but several minor placings were gained and the individual performances were as high as one could reasonably expect from athletes lacking the opportunity of training on the boards.

Ten nations supported the meetings and the great majority of competitors had previous opportunities of both training and competing indoors, as was obvious from the recorded results.

The Kiel track was 130 metres, with rather narrow, banked ends, and had a 50 metres sprint and hurdles straight with a run through up a 45° ramp. The surface of the arena was an asphalt substance. The pole vaulters used a rubber run-up and shot putters performed from a wooden surfaced circle.

The seating capacity of the stadium was about 8,000 and it appeared to have a near capacity house which included a very strong contingent of British schoolboys from King Alfred's, Plon.

Jean Scrivens was runner-up in her heat, doing 6.7secs. for the 50 metres, and was placed third in the final, being beaten by 3yds. by Erica Fisch, of West Germany, who returned 6.5.

There were 9 starters in the 3000 metres race of 23 laps and Larsen, of Norway, immediately took the lead, followed by Chris Brasher and Thøgersen, of Denmark. The only change in the first eight laps was that Laufer, of West Germany, moved up into third place. Chris took the lead at the commencement of the ninth lap, but this was short lived as Larsen was again leading at the end of the circuit and this order was maintained until the end. Chris challenged strongly on the last lap, but Larsen won by 3 yards, with Laufer a further 7yds. behind Brasher, and the latter's time of 8m.26.4s. was very satisfactory.

John Disley met 6 others in the 1,000 metres, a distance at which we do not associate him. Although he utilised his great track craft to the full, lack of speed beat him at the finish. John took the lead at the start and was followed by Richtzenhaim, of East Germany, with third place alternating in the first three

laps between the West Germans, Brenner and Lawrenz. In the sixth lap, both of them tried to move up into second place and Lawrenz fell. Brenner wrested the lead from John in the penultimate lap and in the home straight Richtzenhaim came again to take second place. The winner clocked 2m.28.0secs. and John 2m.29.6 secs.

Excellent competition was witnessed in the other events and the crowd were highly appreciative of the field events exponents. Three pole vaulters cleared 13ft. 9½in., Skobla put the shot 56ft. 5½in., Kovak jumped 6ft. 5in., and Bierderman, the West German lady shot put record holder, returned 45ft. 5in.

After rising at 6.30 a.m., the athletes had a

by
PHIL GALE

6-hour train journey to Dortmund, when they competed on Sunday evening in the magnificent Westenfalhalle. This stadium was erected in 1953 and the 160 metre running track is surrounded by a steeply banked circuit with a 6 lane 60 yards straight in the arena.

Again our team did not record a win, but I had the pleasure of watching a magnificent 3,000 metres race in which John Disley was caught 5 yards from the post by Lawrenz and both runners beat the existing European indoor record.

John was drawn inside of 9 runners, but Larsen immediately took the lead, followed by Disley, and for the first 6 laps, Özcan, of Turkey. In the next lap Lawrenz moved into third place and these three gradually dropped the field. The order remained unchanged until Disley took the lead with two laps to go. He was immediately followed by Lawrenz and both runners accelerated to the maximum but the German, with a 1m.49s. half mile to his credit, found the extra bit in the home straight to win by a very short foot in 8m.18.8s. Disley

was timed at 8m.19s. and the third man, Larsen, at 8m.24.4s.

Chris Brasher ran without his normal fire in the 1,000 metres, and ran most of the distance in 4th place, in which he finished in 2mins. 27.8secs. with Brenner, the winner, showing 2m.23.0s.

Jean Scrivens again found that 60 yards was too short for her and returned 7.2secs. to fill fourth place with the winner at Kiel, Fisch, showing 7.0secs.

Norah Smalley drew the outside position in the seven girl 800 metre event, but a very good start took her into the lead on the first bend and she retained her position until the last lap, when Donath of East Germany passed her to win comfortably in 2m.17.4secs. Norah faded in the home straight and was passed by two others, but her time of 2m.20.4s. was a very sound performance in her first indoor race.

Again the other events produced very good races and performances, and once more I noticed that spectators were enthusiastic over field events. I was particularly impressed by the sprinting of Ira Murchison, an American serving with the U.S. forces at Frankfurt. He is a beautifully balanced, compact athlete, as his time of 6.2secs. for 60 yards shows, and I hope that we shall see him at the White City this summer.

Our team enjoyed their competition, Team Manager Jack Crump was well satisfied with the performances, and they were all envious of the German indoor facilities. I cannot conclude without recording meeting my No. 1 Sportsman of 1956, veteran athletic supporter, Dave Johnson, of Mitcham, who travelled solo to Dortmund to watch the meeting. Dave met the athletic party on their arrival and after watching them depart in a coach for their hotel, noticed that a foreigner's pole was left behind and walked the 3 miles to the stadium with it as he was unable to get any conveyance.

KIEL, February 4th

50m: 1. Murchison (USA) 5.9; 2. Lorgier (Yugo.) 6.0; 3. Aldredge (USA) 6.0.

400m: 1. Bonah (W. Germ.) 51.4; 2. Dreher (W. Germ.) 52.2; 3. Bromberger (W. Germ.) 52.2.

1000m: 1. Brenner (W. Germ.) 2:28.0; 2.

Richtzenhaim (E. Germ.) 2:28.6; 3. J. Disley (Gt. Brit.) 2:29.6.

3000m: 1. Larsen (Norway) 8:25.8; 2. C. Brasher (Gt. Brit.) 8:26.4; 3. Lauffer (W. Germ.) 8:27.6.

50m.Hdls.: 1. Lorgier (Yugo) 7.0; 2. Steines (W. Germ.) 7.0; 3. Depauw (Belgium) 7.1.

HJ: 1. 1. Kovar (Czech.) 6'5"; 2. Lein (Germ.) 6'2½"; 3. Marjanovic (Yugo.) 6'0¼".

PV: 1. Janiszewski (Poland) 13'9½"; 3. Malcher (E. Germ.) 13'9½"; 3. Milakow (Yugo.) 13'9½".

Wt: 1. Skobla (Czech.) 56'5½"; 2. Urbach (W. Germ.) 52'4½"; 3. Lemos (Sweden) 48'0½".

Women

50m.: 1. Fisch (W. Germ.) 6.5; 2. Bohmer (W. Germ.) 6.6; 3. J. Scrivens (GB) 6.8.

50m.H: 1. Fisch (W. Germ.) 7.2; 2. Babovic (Yugo.) 7.5; 3. Schierloh (W. Germ.) 7.9. **Wt:** 1. Biedermann (W. Germ.) 45'5"; 2. Lafrenz (W. Germ.) 44'5½"; 3. Sonneck (W. Germ.) 43'11½".

DORTMUND, February 5th

60: 1. Murchison (USA) 6.2; 2. Alfredge (USA) 6.3; 3. Knorzer (W. Germ.) 6.4.

400m: 1. Poersske (W. Germ.) 50.3; 2. Bonah (W. Germ.) 50.6; 3. Hannig (W. Germ.) 50.9.

1000m: 1. Brenner (W. Germ.) 2:23.0; 2. Andersen (Norway) 2:23.5; 3. Schmidt (W. Germ.) 2:23.8; 4. C. Brasher (G. Brit.) 2:27.8.

3000m.: 1. Lawrenz (W. Germ.) 8:18.8; 2. J. Disley (Gt. Brit.) 8:19.0; 3. Larsen (Nor.) 8:24.4.

HJ: 1. Kovar (Czech.) 6'5"; 2. Bahr (W. Germ.) 6'2½".

PV: 1. Janiczewski (Pol.) 13'9½"; 2. Adamczyk (Pol.) 12'9½"; 3. Milakov (Yugo.) 13'1½".

Wt: 1. Skobla (Czech) 53'5½"; 2. Brink (W. Germ.) 48'1"; 3. Urbach (W. Germ.) 47'6".

Women

1. Fisch (W. Germ.) 7.0; 2. Babovic (Yugo.) 7.1; 3. Ebenreiter (W. Germ.) 7.2; 4. J. Scrivens (Gt. Brit.) 7.2.

800m: 1. Donath (E. Germ.) 2:17.4; 2. Daumann (E. Germ.) 2:18.2; 3. Schiller (W. Germ.) 2:20.0; 4. N. Smalley (Gt. Brit.) 2:20.4.

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Taunton A.C. are staging a 10 Miles Open Race from Bridgwater to Taunton, on 31st March. Further details can be obtained from M. G. Hole, 143 East Reach, Taunton.

Scottish News

By W. DIVERTY

SCOTTISH DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS,

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Midland District at Lenzie

John McLaren (Vic. Pk. A.C.) retained his Midland District title after a spirited tussle with Andy Brown (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.) McLaren took the lead after about half a mile, and although Brown did get in front once or twice, it was only momentarily, as McLaren immediately spurred ahead to regain his lead. About a mile from the finish, Brown made an effort to wrest the lead from McLaren, but the latter, running strongly, drew away to establish a gap of about 30yds., which he maintained to the finish. Eddie Bannon (Shettleston H.) was 3rd, 70yds. behind Brown. John McLaren's time of 30m.11s. was excellent in view of the heavy and greasy conditions. On this form, McLaren, who last year won both Scottish and British Junior Titles, seems a likely winner of the Scottish Senior race at Hamilton, on February 25th.

Shettleston H. had an easy win in the Senior 6m. Team race, beating Springburn by 56 pts. to 139pts.

In the Youths' 3m. race, Willie Goodwin retained his title in a very comfortable fashion. This young lad seems a cert for the Scottish Title at Hamilton. In the Youths' team event, Springburn H. won by 7pts. from Bellahouston H., with Clydesdale H. 3rd.

Senior 6m.

1, J. McLaren, Vic. Pk. 30.11; 2, A. H. Brown, Motherwell YMC 30.17; 3, E. Bannon, Shettleston H. 30.30; 4, J. C. McGhee, Shettleston H.

Team Result: 1, Shettleston H. (E. Bannon 3; J. C. McGhee 4; C. Wallace 10; G. Govan 12, J. McNeill 13; G. Everett 14) 56pts.

2, Springburn H. (J. McCormack 6; P. McParland 11; T. Tracey 20; J. McGale 22; E. Sinclair 35; J. Ballantyne 45) 139pts.

3, Clydesdale H. (J. Wright 15; C. O'Boyle



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16; G. White 18; P. Younger 27; J. Hume 29; R. Clark 61) 166pts.

4, Bellahouston H. 190pts.; 5, Victoria Pk. A.C. 193pts.; 6, Equal: Garscube H. and Vale of Leven A.C. 195pts.

Youths 3M.

1, W. Goodwin, Bellahouston H. 16.4; 2, J. Hislop, Clydesdale H. 16.39; 3, D. Simpson, Shotts M.W. 16.57.

Team Race: 1, Springburn H. (J. Rooney 4; T. Craig 5; D. Wilmott 11) 20pts.; 2, Bellahouston H. (W. Goodwin 1; J. Currie 12; T. Castro 14) 27pts.; 3, Clydesdale H. (J. Hislop 2; D. Stirrat 7; G. Abbott 20) 29pts.

South Western District at Beith

The brothers Tom and John Stevenson (Greenock Wellpark H.) again dominated the Senior 6m. race, with Tom winning by about 200yds. from John for his third win. J. C. Harris, Beith, was 3rd. Wellpark H. were easy winners of the team race. In the Youths' 3m. race, W. Thomas, Irvine Y.M.C.A., was a comfortable winner by 100yds. from A. Cairns, Wellpark H.

Senior 6m.

1, T. Stevenson, Wellpark H. 37.2; 2, J. Stevenson, Wellpark H. 37.39; 3, J. C. Harris, Beith H. 38.14.

Team Race: 1, Wellpark H. (T. Stevenson 1; J. Stevenson 2; G. King 5; W. Stoddart 12; C. Aitken 15; D. McConnochie 16) 51pts. 2, Irvine Y.M.C.A. 115pts.; 3, Kilmarnock 156pts.

Youths' 3M.

1, W. Thomas, Irvine Y.M.C.A. 19.21; 2, A. Cairns, Wellpark H. 19.43; 3, W. Thomson, Paisley H. 19.55.

Team Race: 1, Wellpark H. (A. Cairns 2; I. Ross 7; J. Melville 13) 22pts.; 2, Irvine Y.M.C.A. 23pts.; 3, Beith H. 25pts.

Eastern District at Dundee

In the Senior 6m., A. C. Horne (Edin. Un.) had a good win by 80yds. from W. F. Lindsay (Edin. South) with his colleague, J. V. Paterson in 3rd place. A. S. Jackson (Edin. Un.) was a non-runner. Edinburgh Univ. gained their third successive win in the Team Race, beating Edinburgh South H. by 54pts. to 88pts.

There was a close finish in the Youths' 3m. event, which was won by J. Gray, Aberdeen A.C., in 16.25. A matter of 5secs. covered the first six home. Falkirk Victoria H. won the Team Race with 18pts.. Edinburgh Eastern H. were runners-up with 27pts.

Senior 6m.

1, A. C. Horne, Edin. Univ. 32.55; 2, W. F. Lindsay, E.S.H. 33.9; 3, J. V. Paterson, Edin. Univ. 33.40; 4, A. C. Ross, Edin. Univ. 33.42.

Team Race: 1, Edinburgh University 54pts.; 2, Edinburgh Southern H. 88pts.; 3, St. Andrew's University 232pts.; 4, Dundee Hawkhill H. 238pts.

Youths' 3m.

1, J. Gray, Aberdeen A.C. 16.25; 2, D. Lamont, Falkirk V.H. 16.26; 3, J. Simpson, Falkirk V.H. 16.27.

Team Race: 1, Falkirk Victoria H. 18pts.; 2, Edinburgh Eastern H. 27pts.; 3, H.M.S. Caledonia 33pts.; 4, Braidburn A.C. 34pts.

WOMEN'S SENIOR ROAD WALK CHAMPS. At Ruislip, Feb. 11th

1. D. Williams (Birchfield)	20.42
2. N. Loines (Small Heath)	21.42
3. J. Heath (S. Heath)	21.50
4. H. Vincent (London Olymp.) 22.13; 5, R. Phillips (Birchfield) 22.27; 6, B. Randle (Birchfield) 22.31; 7, V. Reynolds (S. Heath) 23.07; 8, J. Williams (Lond. O.) 23.10; 9, R. Phillips (Smethwick) 23.16; 10, M. Rogers (Lond. O.) 23.17; 11, B. Franklin (Birchfield) 23.20; 12, P. Grant (Lond. O.) 23.40; 13, S. Andrews (Ruislip and N.) 24.23; 14, C. Owens (S. Heath) 24.30; 15, J. Forbes (S. Heath) 24.45; 16, B. Mayler (Lond. O.) 25.04; 17, A. Farr (Smethwick) 25.43; 18, A. Bowler (Selsonia) 25.47; 19, B. Williams (Lond. O.) 25.50; 20, E. Vivian (Lond. O.) 26.17; 21, M. Ricketts (Lond. O.) 26.18; 22, C. Merriman (Smethwick) 26.38; 23, J. Stafford (Lond. O.) 28.37; 24, P. Germain (Selsonia) 30.45; 24, J. Hall (Selsonia).	

Teams:

	Pts.
1. Birchfield H.L.S.	(1.5. 6) 12
2. Small Heath H.	(2.3. 7) 12
3. London Olympiades	(4.8.10) 22
4. Smethwick 48; 5, London Olympiades "B" 60; 6, Selsonia 67.	

DEPARTURE

Francis Thorne has resigned his position with the Crookes Athletes' Advisory Service, and on March 1st becomes Publicity Manager for Chase Protected Cultivation Ltd.

During his time with the Advisory Service, which was formed by Crookes at his instigation, Mr. Thorne has advised nearly 10,000 athletes in all branches of sport on matters of physical fitness and nutrition. He has delivered over 250 lectures in all parts of Great Britain and Eire, and was also responsible for the institution and organisation of The Crookes' Lectures, delivered by such authorities as Sir Adolphe Abrahams and Dr. James Tanner.



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The Bristol A.C. Youths' team which won the Gloucestershire Youths' Championship and has now won the Gloucestershire Yth. League. L. to R.: M. Sully, J. Gingell, D. Smith and D. Salway.
★

F. Hill

On My Travels

By "ROAMER"

TO-MORROW should decide whether American star miler and Olympic 1500m. hope, **Wes Santee**, retains or forfeits his amateur status.

In October last, Santee, by a 5 to 2 vote, was banned by the Missouri Valley registration committee for collecting excessive expenses at three meetings in California last summer. Later, the Missouri Valley's Board of Managers reversed this decision by 25 votes to 7.

The National A.A.U. executive board decided, after a heated discussion at the A.A.U. convention, to appoint a seven man committee to review all aspects of the case and their report is expected to be made known at the A.A.U. executive meeting to-morrow, February 19th.

A usually well-informed writer in the States says that Santee's recent withdrawal from three Madison Square Garden meets must be taken as an indication that his amateur days are numbered.

This was after the Quantica Marine had re-appeared on January 28th, in Boston, after a lay-off with a calf injury, only to be well beaten into fourth place in a 4:06.3 mile won by Irishman **Ron Delaney**, of Villanova. At the same meet the Villanova junior, **Charlie Jenkins** ran away from **Lou Jones**, **Mal Whit-**

field and **Reggie Pearman** in a blistering 600 won in 1:09.9, a time which only Whitfield has beaten indoors.

The new American star, **Dave Sime** (pronounced Sim) might well turn out to be the next Olympic 100 metres winner. This 6ft. 2in., 13st. 3lb. sprinter is a red-head from Fair Lawn, New Jersey, and this is only his second serious year in athletics. Nineteen years of age, Sime was an unknown until hitting **Andy Stanfield** and **Rod Richard** for six in the "Washington Star" meet and setting a new indoor mark of 9.5 for the 100 yards.

Then in the Millrose meet he won again from John Haynes and George Sydnor over 60 yards., after the latter had equalled the world record in the preliminaries. Experienced U.S.A. observers say he looks the goods at any sprint distance, and is a stylish runner at that.

Good news on the home front is that both the Motspur Park and Tooting tracks will soon be floodlit. The latter, I understand, will be having the latest equipment installed, which should make it the best lit track in the country. Athletes in the London area should then have little complaint about winter facilities.

Just how stupid can some club secretaries get? In the last few weeks the C.O. of the

unit at which a well known athlete is given every possible facility for training and racing, both at home and abroad, received a letter which more or less demanded that this runner should not be allowed to run for his country in an international race because it clashed with an event in which the club desired his services. It so happens that the athlete concerned, who is stationed a long way from home, so appreciates what has been done for him at his service unit that he had elected to be first claim to them in preference to his local club, which he can get to only occasionally after a lengthy and expensive journey. (The fact that he has a girl friend, who is also a well known runner and lives a long way from his home town, may also have some bearing on it!).

However, the outcome of the matter was that the C.O. was most annoyed at receiving such a letter, which is hardly surprising, the athlete duly ran for England—and won his race!—and in future the said club secretary may not find it so easy to obtain the services of his star performer. No prizes are offered for discovering his identity!

Bognor are keen to put their 10 Miles Open Road Race on the map and their latest idea is, with the co-operation of local hoteliers and Council, to provide a cheap Easter week-end

by the sea for visiting athletes. I'm told the facilities laid on for the race are excellent and have been appreciated by runners in the past.

Notts A.C. have joined the ranks of promoting clubs for the long distance road races and, after some difficulty in fitting their 15 miles event into the programme, have decided on 14th April.

SOUTHERN COMMITTEE A.A.A.

The following were elected to the Southern Committee of the A.A.A.—L. J. Cohen 154; R. W. L. Thrasher 148; L. R. Truelove 147; A. D. Thwaites 140; S. A. Tomlin 137; J. C. G. Crump 136; A. A. Harley 136; A. D. G. White 135; V. C. Sealy 130; L. H. Golding 128; H. H. Whitlock 128; L. F. Northam 122; P. S. Gale 116; E. H. Gough 112; W. J. Western 111; A. J. Kendall 104; G. J. Pallett 100; N. W. Easlea 95; W. F. Pearson 95; F. Blackmore 79.

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At the A.G.M. of the Nottinghamshire Athletic League the following officials were elected—Pres., E. J. Woolcott; Hon. Sec., D. L. Woolcott, 5 Bathwood Drive, Mansfield; Asst. Hon. Sec., Miss A. Caldwell.



These three pictures show the first seven in the South of Thames race at West Wickham. L. to R.: A. Llewellyn (2nd) leading B. T. Barrett (1st) early in the race; M. Hyman (3rd) just in front of T. Keegan (4th); J. Butler (6th) followed by R. Roath (5th) and M. Baker (7th). E. D. Lacey

R.A.F. BEAT MIDDLESEX & CIVIL SERVICE

At Chessington, February 8th

THE annual Sir Sefton Brancker Trophy match took place at Chessington over a course of just under six and a half miles, which was soft and heavy in places and included some plough which Peter Driver described as the stickiest he had ever encountered.

The match provided the R.A.F. with an unexpected win, for after the loss of most of their stars of last year their team was, on paper, hardly up to the standard of the Middlesex team. It was also weakened by several withdrawals, but from the start they had their half-dozen always in a winning position and finished with 6 in 12. In particular, Clark, Lillycrap and Gilson were, with Ibbotson, never out of the first eight, once the field had settled down.

Harry Hicks was soon pushing things along and he led at the end of the first lap by 25 yards from Ibbotson, with Driver, who started slowly, Gamlin and Lambert close together a similar distance behind the R.A.F. man. Then came Lillycrap, Clarke, Gilson, Gallagher and Cobley, all of the R.A.F.

On the second lap Ibbotson moved up on Hicks, but Driver came up to them both and, running very strongly, went away over the last mile to come home a comfortable winner. Hicks hung on well to Ibbotson, who very

wisely did not run himself into the ground after much travelling and a most exacting race at Hannut only three days before.

With the R.A.F. lads more or less holding on to their forward positions—only Harwood and Arnold, who ran particularly well, managed to split them—the result was a foregone conclusion and on normal scoring the totals would have been—R.A.F. 45pts., Middlesex 57, Civil Service 84. Scoring in reverse so that the points can be added to the track and field match in the summer the totals were:—R.A.F. 69pts., Middlesex 57, Civil Service 45.

1. P. B. Driver (CS)	33.53																							
2. D. Ibbotson (RAF)	34.06																							
3. H. J. Hicks (M)	34.08																							
4. J. E. Gamlin (CS)	34.32; 5. R. Lambert (M)	34.42; 6. Cpl. P. R. Clark (RAF)	34.59; 7. Cpl. B. Lillicrap (RAF)	35.02; 8. LAC F. D. Gilson (RAF)	35.06; 9. T. Harwood (M)	35.12; 10. Sgt. D. Gallagher (RAF)	35.20; 11. D. Arnold (M)	35.25; 12. Sgt. D. Cobley (RAF)	35.28; 13. M. J. Blyth (CS)	35.31; 14. G. T. Olding (M)	35.40; 15. B. Saunders (M)	35.53; 16. J/T T. R. Colson (RAF)	35.57; 17. J. Hovell (M)	36.30; 18. F. Salvat (M)	36.30; 19. J. Cooke (RAF)	36.36; 20. E. A. Earle (CS)	36.42; 21. SAC Jackson (RAF)	36.50; 22. D. G. Davidson (CS)	37.22; 23. J. Brooks (M)	37.36; 24. D. J. Clark (CS)	37.44; 25. D. Baulch (CS)	37.55; 26. Pennington (CS)	38.16; 27. J. C. Green (CS)	38.53.

Letters to the Editor

OLYMPIC APPEAL

Dear Sir,

Recently there has been much said and written about the lack of funds to facilitate sending as strong an Olympic team as we would wish to. In the light of this I am forced to ask these questions.

1. Have the people responsible made any sort of appeal to the Club Secretaries to organise collections within their clubs. If not, why not?
2. If this has already been done it has not been given very much publicity and the appeal should be renewed with more fervour. Such an appeal would undoubtedly have very pleasing results.

I have little sympathy for an Olympic Committee that bemoans its poverty, yet does not attack the problem in the right spirit.

Yours till Gold Medals come home,

J. R. Griffin,

Southend A.C.

The British Olympic Association sent out many thousands of letters, with donation lists, and all clubs should have received one. The appeal also received considerable publicity in the Press.

We have a donation list in this office and if any reader would like to send a donation, we will acknowledge receipt in the magazine before forwarding to the Appeals Committee.—Ed.

FINCHLEY "20"

Dear Sir,

In view of recent correspondence in your columns, my committee has decided to institute a 2nd class standard of 2 hours 10 minutes for this year's open 20 mile road race.

We have noted with interest the suggestions and criticisms made, but do not propose to alter the entry fee (3s.) or the 1st class standard of 2 hours. Indeed, we feel that this year may well see performances that would not have been thought possible a short while ago and which will prove our standard time more than justified.

The space which has been devoted to the Finchley "20" has afforded us a great deal of guidance, since we are anxious to provide runners with the conditions they desire. If anyone cares to write to me with any further suggestions, he can be assured of sympathetic consideration.

Yours faithfully,

John Turpin,

Hon. Gen. Secretary,
36 Old Oak Road, London, W.3.

Dear Sir,

Your correspondent J. Heywood, in company with the majority of your contributors, seems to miss the whole point of the controversy regarding entry fees, standard medals and race costs.

Firstly, the major expense in promoting such races is the cost of the major prizes offered as an attraction to the top class runners to compete. These prizes are annually shared among a very very few runners, many of whom appreciate them only for their intrinsic value. Yet, Sir, the money for these prizes comes from the entry fees of the many runners who have no hope of taking any award, and who enter these races for the love of their sport alone. A first prize is worth the winning, whether it costs £7/7/0 or £1 and a saving of £2 in this way could be diverted to 2nd class standard medals or certificates to encourage the field to aim at something.

May I make one further point, a great many runners are not able to devote the time to training which alone would enable them to compete on an equal footing with the stars of the sport, but since races are not promoted for

this class of runner alone, then some competition (and award) must be devised for them in conjunction with existing races. Messrs. Heywood and Co. should remember that without the few stars there would still be a field, and new stars would appear, but without the 150 or so runners for them to beat in each race, there would be NO RACE.

Yours, etc.,

K. G. A. Coates,
(Queens Park H.)

REASON FOR APATHY

Dear Mr. Editor,

I have been a Secretary of an athletic club (**Commercial**) for the last 15 years, and also a member for many years of Polytechnic Harriers. The reason for the apparent lack of voting in the election of the Southern Committee is solely due to the fact that of the 694 Clubs affiliated to the Southern Section at least 80 per cent. (probably none) are industrial; commercial; police, etc., etc., clubs. It is a well-known fact that the keenness and knowledge of officials of the A.A.A. does not exist as in clubs solely formed for athletes to join, viz., Poly, S.L.H., etc. How many times do you see in the voting list a candidate from an Industrial, etc., club—never! These Secretaries (in the main) do not know any of the candidates that are always "put up," and rarely have anything to do with the A.A.A. except receive the annual handbook, but to run their own closed meetings have to affiliate with the A.A.A. I don't think they are interested or are shown any interest in by the A.A.A.

Yours sincerely,

F. H. J. Hawkins.

TEAM SCORING

Dear Sir,

Mr. Evans, in his letter on team anomalies, is entirely out of place when he remarks that "the risk of a false result occurring through teams starting under the minimum number would only happen through carelessness on the part of the Competitors' Steward and the Referee."

The duty of the Competitors' Steward is to receive from the team captains the teams as declared, and provided the number declared

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RESULTS

January 21st

Loughborough College 31pts. beat **Manchester University** 61 and **Nottingham University** 91 over 6½M. at Loughborough. 1, Brown (N) 39.41; 2, Rees (L) 40.10; 3eq., Brearley (L), Sullivan (L) and Knott (L) 40.40; 6, Docker (M) 40.50.

January 28th

R.A.F. College, Cranwell beat **Boston A.C.** 40pts. to 61 over 5M. at Fishtoft. 1, J. Fox (C) 31.12; 2, K. Fox (B) 31.31; 3, M. Ryan (C) 32.34; 4, B. Rogers (C); 5, M. V. Harrington (C); 6, P. Lynch (B).

Southampton A.A.C. "E. C. Gosney Trophy" 7½M. **Race.** 1, Dobson (Eastleigh) 40.07; 2, Burt (Southampton) 40.26; 3, Sharp (RNAC) 42.24; 4, Paxton (RN) 42.25; 5, Downer (Eastleigh) 43.02; 6, Thompson (Ston) 43.17. **Teams:** 1, R.N.A.C. 69pts.; 2, Eastleigh 79; 3, Southampton 95; 4, Bournemouth 125; 5, Salisbury 162; 6, R.N.A.C. "B" 169.

February 1st

R.A.F. Technical Training Command 22 Group Championship. 1, Sgt. McMinnis (Pad-

gate) 32.54; 2, A. C. French (Pad.) 33.17; 3, A. C. Graham (Pad.) 33.48; 4, A.C. Campbell (Pad.) 34.00; 5eq., A.C. Pegley (Br.) and A.C. Coward (W. Kirby) 34.40. **Teams:** 1, Padgate 25pts.; 2, West Kirby 95; 3, Hednesford 115; 4, Bridgnorth 140; 5, Wilmslow 189; 6, Bircham Newton 200.

R.A.F. Innsworth beat **R.A.O.C. Tewkesbury** 21pts. to 65 over 5½M. at Innsworth. 1, L. Virr (I) 32.30; 2, R. Gazzard (I) 33.05; 3, A. Rowe (I) 34.07; 4, P. Cuthbert (I) 34.10; 5, D. Cockayne (I) 37.31; 6, I. Adams 37.42.

R.A.F. Levant Championship over 6M. at Nicosia. 1, F/O C. J. Pierce (N) 32.22; 2, P/O J. B. Barnard (Ayios Nikolaos) 33.18; 3, SAC Turnedge (N) 33.35; 4, AC H. Whittle (N) 34.28; 5, Cpl. Rooke (N) 34.42; 6, Green (Episkopi) 34.50; 7, LAC M. Gray-Hunter (AN) 34.55; 8, Cotter (Amman, Jordan) 35.05; 9, Milburn (Akrotiri) 35.26; 10, Garrick (Amman) 35.32; 11, AC Grundy (N) 35.52; 12eq., LAC J. Page (N) and Driscoll (Amman) 36.00. **Teams:** 1, R.A.F. Nicosia Cyprus 36 pts.; 2, R.A.F. Amman, Jordan 81; 3, R.A.F.

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February 3rd

R.A.F. (REU) Henlow beat R.A.F. Chigwell 29pts. to 53 over 5½M. at Henlow. 1, Jackson (C) 33.55; 2, Warren (H) 35.09; 3, Maynard (H) 35.33; 4, Bale (H) 35.54; 5, Randall (H) 36.53; 6, Chambers 37.47.

Hercules A.C. Championships. Junior 5½M. 1, D. Cobb 33.15; 2, J. Edgar; 3, E. Earl. **Youths 2½M.:** 1, B. Jones and J. Grant 18.30; 3, M. Charles.

February 4th

YORKSHIRE C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. A. Chorlton (Doncaster PW)..... 48.42
2. J. Nichols (Sheffield Utd.) 49.31
3. A. Bargh (Sheff. Utd.) 49.42
4, P. G. Wood (Rotherham) 50.39; 5, E. Kirkup (Rotherham) 50.45; 6, M. Jackson (Roth.) 50.47; 7, H. Charles (Sheff. Utd.) 50.51; 8, F. C. Lucop (Hull) 51.04; 9, S. Sykes (Longwood) 51.28; 10, W. Beveridge (Halifax) 51.28; 11, P. Hedley (Sheff. Utd.) 51.35; 12, E. Beard (Leeds) 51.43; 13, K. Whattam (Sheff. Utd.) 51.48; 14, D. Hodgson (Leeds St. M.) 52.02; 15, G. Thornton (Leeds St. M.) 52.18; 16, C. Kirby (Sheff. Utd.) 52.41; 17, A. V. Corker (Sheff. Utd.) 53.00; 18, M. E. Parrish (Airedale) 53.05; 19, G. Hodgson (Harrogate) 53.08; 20, J. G. Twyford (Bramley) 53.17; 21, A. Etches (Sheff. Utd.) 53.23; 22, J. C. Fleming-Smith (Roth.) 53.32; 23, E. L. Smith (Harehills) 53.42; 24, R. Dale (Leeds St. M.) 53.45; 25, E. Canning (Halifax) 53.53; 26, D. Hoult (Don. PW) 53.55; 27, J. Whittam (Airedale) 53.58; 28, F. Wrigley (Harehills) 53.59; 29, J. Smith (Airedale) 54.14; 30, E. Lawton (Harehills) 54.20; 31, A. Hazell (Hallamshire) 54.36; 32, R. Cotton (Roth.) 54.44; 33, F. McGrath (Airedale) 54.49; 34, J. Brook (Harehills) 54.53; 35, K. Stewart (Airedale) 54.56; 36, K. Pawson (Harehills) 54.58; 37, A. E. Lilley (Hallam.) 54.59; 38, K. M. Whitaker (Airedale) 55.04; 39, A. G. Trafford (Hull) 55.06; 40, W. Bell (Hallam.) 55.11; 41, D. R. McDonald (Hull) 55.12; 42, A. E. Nendick (Hull) 55.13; 43, H. Thompson (Roth.) 55.37; 44, A. Baker (Bramley) 55.56; 45, D. Mitchell (Bingley) 56.03; 46, M. Hainsworth (Airedale) 56.05; 47, C. Hews (Roth.) 56.11; 48, A. Cockcroft (Harehills) 56.15; 49, J. Ibbotson (Hallam.) 56.17; 50, D. Edmondson (Leeds St. M.) 56.21.

Teams: **Pts.**
1. Sheffield Utd. H. (2. 3. 7.11.13.16) 52
2. Rotherham H. (4. 5. 6.22.32.43) 112
3. Airedale H. (18.27.29.33.35.38) 180
4. Harehills 199; 5. Hull 235; 6. Leeds St. Marks 246; 7. Hallamshire 279; 8. Halifax 309.

Junior

1. A. Cocking (Bramley) 32.12
2. D. Humphreys (Bingley) 32.29
3. B. Grubb (Sheff. Utd.) 33.29
4, K. Flockton (Harehills) 33.54; 5, A. Bardon (Sheff. Utd.) 34.04; 6, A. Oxley (Roth.) 34.34; 7, A. E. Burton (Hallam.) 34.35; 8, V. Dobson (Harehills) 34.47; 9, C. Hill (Roth.) 34.48; 10, E. C. Thompson (Leeds Univ.) 35.01; 11, K. McKeown (Leeds Univ.) 35.07; 12, P. J. Keeling (Hallam) 35.08; 13, G. Froggett (Wakefield) 35.10; 14, D. Arnsworth (Bingley) 35.19; 15, M. Ebbage (Bingley) 35.20; 16, H. Clayton (Wakefield) 35.22; 17, L. Sullivan (Leeds Univ.) 35.29; 18, D. Binns (Sheff. Utd.) 35.32; 19, R. Kemp (E. Hull) 35.38. 20, K. Rollinson (Roth.) 35.40.

Teams: **Pts.**
1. Sheffield Utd. H. (3. 5.18.21) 47
2. Bingley H. (2.14.15.35) 66
3. Leeds University (10.11.17.29) 67
4. Rotherham 68; 5. Harehills 81; 6. Wakefield 82; 7. Hallamshire 101; 8. Longwood 128.

Youths

1. M. Edwards (Sheff. Utd.) 16.27
2. K. Redfearn (Longwood) 16.34
3. A. R. Pears (Harrogate) 16.49
4, R. Haigh (Sheff. Utd.) 16.53; 5, J. M. Gee (Don. GS) 16.55; 6, R. Shirley (High Storrs GS) 17.00; 7, H. W. Biggin (Hallam.) 17.03; 8, K. Forrest (Wakefield) 17.08; 9, W. Keenan (Bingley) 17.09; 10, T. Carr (Leeds) 17.12.

Teams: **Pts.**
1. Sheffield Utd. (1. 4.19.25) 49
2. Bramley H. (12.15.16.28) 71
3. Longwood H. (2.29.32.38) 101
4. King Edward VII. Sch. 104; 5. High Storrs GS 108; 6. Hallamshire 118.

WEST LANCs. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Youths

1. R. Barlow (Wallasey) 17.36
2. W. Bennett (Wirral) 17.59
3. V. N. Cowan (Liv. H.) 18.05
4, A. Caldwell (Liv. Pem.) 18.21; 5, D. Hewitson (Liv. Pem.) 18.22; 6, J. Bell (Preston) 18.24; 7, B. B. Craig (Blackpool) 18.25; 8, P. Addison (Liv. H.) 18.26; 9, D. M. Turner (Liv. H.) 18.27; 10, A. Townsend (Wallasey) 18.32.

Teams: **Pts.**
1. Liverpool H. (3. 8. 9.11) 31
2. Liverpool Pembroke (4. 5.13.17) 39
3. Wirral A.C. (2.12.20.22) 56
4. Wallasey 70; 5. Preston 72; 6. Blackpool 99.

Boys

1. B. Mills (Liv. Pem.) 12.45
2. D. Swarbrick (Blackpool) 12.55



MAUREEN BONNANO (Highgate) winning the Women's National Junior Cross-Country Championship at Newton-le-Willows.

S. Cook

3. T. Dwyer (Liv. Pem.) 13.00
4. G. North (Blackpool) 13.05; 5. K. Poyning (Wallasey) 13.06; 6. I. McClaren (Blackpool) 13.07.

NOTTS. ATHLETIC CLUB OPEN 15 MILES ROAD RACE

Saturday :: 14th April, 1956

3 p.m., from

The Player Secondary School,
Nottingham

Awards:

The Alec Smith Trophy for the Individual Winner.

Prizes £7, £4 £2

1st, 2nd & 3rd Teams.

Prizes £4 £3 £2

Plaques to be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd runner of first 3 Teams.

Entries—5/- per team; 2/6 individuals, on A.A.A. Forms, to R. Musgrove, 137 Front Street, Arnold, Notts.

CLOSING DATE — 31st MARCH, 1956

Teams:

- | | Pts. |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Liverpool Pembroke | (1. 3. 9.10) 23 |
| 2. Blackpool H. | (2. 4. 6.16) 48 |
| 3. Liverpool H. | (8.15.17.25) 65 |
| 4. Wallasey 86; 5. Wirral 106; 6. Southport 108. | |

NORTH EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior 9M: 1, W. Boak (Elswick) 55.20; 2, K. Boyle (Sunderland) 55.51; 3, M. Boyle (Sun.) 55.55; 4, B. Harbottle (Elswick) 56.02; 5, M. Robson (Gateshead) 56.08; 6, F. Sayers (Gosforth) 56.27. **Teams:** 1, Gateshead 78pts.; 2, Elswick 80; 3, Gosforth 152.

Junior 6M: 1, J. E. Bell (Gos.) 32.22; 2, T. Aisbitt (Morpeth) 32.38; 3, K. Lupton (Burn Rd.) 33.55; 4, J. Anderson (Saltwell) 34.37; 5, T. Laybourn (Jarrow) 34.42; 6, J. Dalton (R. Sigs.) 34.49. **Teams:** 1, Royal Signals 34pts.; 2, Gateshead 64; 3, Burn Rd. 65.

Youths 3M: 1, K. Middlemiss (Gos.) 11.22; 2, M. Butler (Middlesbrough) 11.40; 3, W. Lambie (Jarrow) 11.59; 4, G. Gandy (Gos.) 12.03; 5, J. Hillen (Saltwell) 12.12; 6, W. Anderson (Saltwell) 12.12. **Teams:** 1, Gosforth 13 pts.; 2, Saltwell 18; 3, Jarrow 30.

NORTH-WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior: 1, E. A. Hogarth (Lancaster) 42.30; 2, R. Thompson (Border) 44.25; 3, M. Shearer (Lan.) 45.26; 4, A. Parkinson (Primrose) 45.55; 5, I. Eccles (Lan.) 46.08; 6, K. Pearson (Kendal) 46.15. **Team:** Lancaster 42pts.

Junior: 1, B. Gill (Barrow) 23.17; 2, D. A. Spencer (Barrow) 23.50; 3, D. Large (Barrow) 25.26; 4, S. T. Smith (Prim.) 25.30; 5, M. L. Osliffe (Prim.) 25.31; 6, M. A. Hodge (Barrow) 25.32. **Team:** Barrow 12pts.

Youths: 1, R. Curwen (Prim.) 18.14; 2, E. Haugh (Border) 18.52; 3, W. R. Breakell (Lunesdale) 19.09; 4, D. Barnes (Lunesdale) 19.23; 5, B. Ostridge (Border) 19.27; 6, W. T. Dodds (Kendal) 19.44. **Team:** Primrose 26pts.

Boys: 1, M. Vickers (Barrow) 5.52; 2, D. Coulthard (Carlisle GS) 5.53; 3, W. Glaister (Carlisle GS) 5.56; 4, J. Ewbank (Border) 6.02; 5, B. Nicholson (Kendal) 6.06; 6, T. Steel (Carlisle GS) 6.10. **Teams:** 1, Carlisle GS 20 pts.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES BEAT DEVON LEAGUE

30pts. to 53 at Barnstaple

1, S. R. Langridge (SLH) 28.23; 2, G. Knight (Essex B.) 28.52; 3, E. Ellis (TVH) 29.07; 4, K. Parsons (Devonport) 29.26; 5, J. Gilbert (Devonport) 29.29; 6, G. Roberts (Devonport) 29.32; 7, R. Clark (Herne Hill) 29.35; 8, A. E. Ingles (TVH) 29.37; 9, C. W. Walker (Belgrave) 29.56; 10, P. Bagnall (Belgrave) 30.13; 11, C. Wilson (Paignton) 30.34; 12, B. W. Kent-Smith (Barnstaple) 30.40.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND YOUTHS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. D. Nadin (Belgrave Utd.) 20.55
2. M. Oakland (Belg.) 21.17
3. R. Parker (Belg.) 21.32
4. J. Watson (Belg.) 21.50; 5. J. Roper (Ald. Newton Sch.) 22.02; 6. J. Hill (City Boys' Sch.) 22.25; 7. P. Davie (LCAT) 22.26; 8. D. Wells (Kilworth GS) 22.28; 9. J. Rowley (City BS) 22.55; 10. P. Gamble (Kilworth) 23.36; 11. W. Baker (Belg.) 23.37; 12. D. Kirtland (Ald. N. Sch.) 23.40; 13. A. Fritche (Sea Cadets) 23.52; 14. B. Dixon (City BS) 24.00; 15. D. Nichols (Belg.) 24.06.

Teams:	Pts.
1. Belgrave Utd. A.C.	(1.2.3) 6
2. City Boys Sch. 26; 3. Ald. Newton Sch. 30;	
4. Belgrave Utd. "B" 41; 5. Kilworth G.S. 47;	
6. Ald. Newton "B" 55.	

VALE OF AYLESBURY YOUTHS' ROAD RELAY

1. Ruislip and Northwood A.C. "A" (M. Sanger 18.15; B. Watson 18.07; A. Brown 18.04; C. Clark 18.22) 72m.48s. (rec.)

2. Shaftesbury H. "A" (D. Bridge 17.48 A. Klixon 18.54; J. Vogler 18.52, A. Sunderland 17.25) 72m. 59s.

3. Sutton and Cheam H. "A" (P. Simmons 19.00, G. Knight 18.28, B. Link 18.06, D. Ellison 17.26) 73m. 00s.

4. Woodford Gn. 73.09; 5. Watford 73.33; 6. Essex Beagles 74.45; 7. Belgrave 74.52; 8. R.A.F. Halton 74.53; 9. Vale of Aylesbury 75.30; 10. Reading 76.27; 11. Hornchurch 77.03; 12. Ilford 77.13; 13. Oxford City 77.14; 14. Ruislip and N. "B" 77.52; 15. R.A.F. Halton "B" 78.06; 16. R.A.F. Halton "C" 79.22; 17. Ealing 79.57; 18. Watford "B" 80.06; 19. Woodford Green "B" 81.31; 20. Ilford "B" 85.50. **Fastest lap:** A. Sunderland 17.25.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE

Div. I: 1. C. M. Gray (Small Heath) 33.29; 2. J. Lake (S. Heath) 33.29; 3. T. Osborne (S. Heath) 34.01; 4. T. Iliffe (S. Heath) 34.03; 5. B. Browning (Birchfield) 34.04; 6. C. Kemball (Wolverhampton) 34.15; 7. K. Rickhuss (Tipton) 34.23; 8. P. Bell (Lozells) 34.25; 9. D. Osborne (Tipton) 34.32; 10. C. Simpson (S. Heath) 34.37; 11. J. R. Reid (Birchfield) 34.38; 12. A. Wigley (Birch'd) 34.42. **Teams:** Small Heath 33 pts.; 2. Birchfield 84; 3. Lozells 191; 4. Tipton 197; 5. Godiva 208; 6. Wolverhampton 231.

Youths: 1. B. Roberts (Birchfield); 2. B. Kilby (Godiva); 3. R. Jackson (Birchfield). **Teams:** 1. Birchfield 8pts.; 2. Godiva 14; 3. Halesowen 41

Div. II. 1. J. Mills (Sparkhill) 33.13; 2. B. Cooks (Bilston) 33.33; 3. A. Ball (Nuneaton) 34.10; 4. J. Drew (Sparkhill) 34.31; 5. A. Plant



D. BATCHELOR (Dartford) coming in second in the Women's National Junior C.C. Championship.

S. Cook

(Stourbridge) 34.38; 6. E. Eames (Sparkhill) 34.42. **Teams:** 1. Sparkhill 74pts.; 2. Stourbridge 78; 3. Worcester 112; 4. B.T.H. Rugby 153; 5. Bilston 171; 6. Nuneaton 226.

Junior: 1. M. Herriott (Sparkhill) 25.45; 2. W. Boffin (Nuneaton) 26.02; 3. J. Jackson (Smethwick) 26.21; 4. W. Short (Nuneaton)

WIGMORE HARRIERS

10th Annual 15 Miles Team & Individual

Open Road Race and Handicap to be held on

24th March, 1956 — at 2.30 p.m.

Parliament Hill Track, Hampstead (Under A.A.A. Laws)

Awards for First Three Places and First Three Teams (teams of three). Medals to be awarded to all completing the course in the standard time of 1hr. 31mins. Time Certificates for finishing the course.

Entries on A.A.A. Forms (3/- each) by 10th March, to Mr. Blackmore, 20 Dalgarno Gds., N. Kensington, London, W.10.

26.21; 5, D. Villanueva (Sparkhill) 26.39; 6, J. Page (Worcester) 27.34.

Div. III. 1, N. Bridgewater (Dudley) 34.06; 2, D. Witts (Evesham) 34.29; 3, G. Howell (Leamington) 34.41; 4, R. Scrun (W. Bromwich) 34.56; 5, G. Ashby and M. Blogg (W. Brom.) 35.47; 7, J. Day (Dudley) and T. Buckingham (Leamington) 36.04; 9, N. Peace (Harborne) 36.14; 10, J. Haden (Dudley) 36.23. **Teams:** 1, West Bromwich 83pts.; 2, Harborne 85; 3, Dudley 109; 4, Leamington 122; 5, Evesham 158.

Youths: 1, R. Bratt (Oldbury) 22.50; 2, B. Eaton (W. Brom.) 23.20; 3, A. Whittle (W. Brom.) and I. Brotherton (Evesham) 23.22; 5, T. Philpotts (Oldbury) 23.33; 6, D. Mercer (Kidderminster) 23.53. **Teams:** 1, W. Bromwich 12pts.; 2, Oldbury 16; 3, Harborne 34; 4, Evesham 36; 5, Walsall 44.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE LEAGUE

1, F. Wyatt (Bristol) 32.27; 2, J. Gamlin (Westbury) 32.32; 3, C. Plumpton (Yatesbury) 32.51; 4, I. Hawkins (Westbury) 33.04; 5, D. Shaw (Yates.) 33.22; 6, D. Currie (Swindon) 33.31; 7, P. Clark (Yates.) 33.55; 8, D. Chunn (Swindon) 34.08; 9, D. Williams (Yates.) 34.31; 10, L. Orton (Yates.) 34.40; 11, R. Armstrong (Yates.) 34.45; 12, M. J. Bradley (Yates.) 34.47. **Teams:** 1, R.A.F. Yatesbury 45pts.; 2, Westbury H. 84; 3, Bristol A.C. 119; 4, Swindon 161; 5, Cheltenham 171; 6, Bristol S. 217. **Final League Result:** 1, R.A.F. Yatesbury 31 pts.; 2, Westbury 26; 3, Bristol A.C. 26; 4, Bristol S.H. 16; 5, Swindon 16; 6, Cheltenham 14.

CAMBRIDGE H. 3½M. SCHOOLS'

C.C. RACE

At Bexley

There were 77 starters, representing 15 teams, in Cambridge H. Schools race at Bexley. The icy conditions caused a number of minor injuries, including a sprained ankle to Thornton, of Catford Central, who was in the lead until nearing the end, but had to limp home for fourth place.

The team race went to Eltham College on the position of the last scoring man, after a tie at 28 points each with Roan School, last year's winners.

1, C. Pearson (Eltham Coll.) 23.17; 2, R. Nightingale (Roan Sch.) 23.53; 3, J. Fiddes (Beckenham and P.) 23.56; 4, H. Thornton (Catford) 24.07; 5, G. Anderson (Shooters Hill) 24.15; 6, L. Walsh (Chislehurst) 24.16; 7, B. Pittard (T. Calton) 24.19; 8, R. Hall (Roan) 24.21; 9eq., P. Dutton (Wandsworth) and R. Hancock (Wandsworth) 24.35; 11, J. Randall (Chislehurst) 24.37; 12, R. Massey (Dartford GS) 24.37. **Teams:** 1, Eltham Coll. 28pts.; 2, Roan Sch. 28; 3, Wandsworth Sch. 35; 4,

Chislehurst and Sidcup 49; 5, Dartford G.S. 50; 6, Beckenham and Penge 59.

Salisbury and District A.C. "A" 37pts. beat **Salisbury and Dist. A.C. "B"** 56 and **Southampton A.A.C.** 80 over 4½M. at Old Sarum. 1, Eldon (S "A") 24.52; 2, Lillicrap (S "A") 25.43; 3, Lynch (S "A") 27.13; 4, Lacy (S "B") 27.50; 5, Mould (S "A") 27.52; 6, Jeans (S "B") 27.54.

Westminster Bank "A" 11pts. beat **Deptford Park A.C.** 22, **Bank of England "A"** 24, **Westminster Bank "B"** 33 and **Bank of England "B"** 53. 1eq., R. Harper (DP) G. Smith (DP) and Handley (WB "A") 37.42; 4, Pearson (WB "A") 37.44.

Gosport Borough A.C. Championship over 4½M. 1, A. Newell 27.35; 2, J. Booth 27.55; 3, D. Inns 29.00; 4, T. McDowall 29.10; 5, B. Reid 29.20; 6, B. Russell 29.27.

Cambridge University Hare and Hounds beat **R.M.A. Sandhurst** 32pts. to 46 over 5M. at Sandhurst. 1, R. J. Forster (CU) 26.32 (rec); 2, G. Revills (RMA) 26.56; 3, J. U. Shearn (CU) 27.07; 4, N. Purvis (CU) 27.22; 5, Batchelor (RMA) 27.28; 6, G. B. Crowder (CU) 29.43.

UNIVERSITIES' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wimbledon, Saturday, 11th February

Adrian Jackson (Edinburgh) won the U.A.U. Cross-Country Championship at Wimbledon easily, going away after two miles to finish 150 yards ahead of the first two London runners, D. J. P. Richards and J. S. Evans. With London ineligible, Liverpool became U.A.U. champions, but London were very easy national winners with six in the first nine.

1. A. S. Jackson (Edinburgh)	33.36
2. D. J. P. Richards (London)	34.07
3. J. Evans (London)	34.07
4. A. Brown (Nott'm) 34.27; 5, J. Wright (Lough.) 34.47; 6, K. Gilligan (Lond.) 34.55; 7, M. Weller (Lond.) 35.02; 8, D. Pain (Lond.) 35.02; 9, P. Taylor (Lond.) 35.15; 10, M. Doyle (L'pool) 35.21; 11, H. Minshall (M/cr.) 35.25; 12, P. Dawson (Reading) 35.30; 13, K. Docker (M/cr) 35.31; 14, J. Heywood (Reading) 35.32; 15, J. Paterson (Edin.) 35.44; 16, P. Sale (Reading) 35.47; 17, B. Priestley (L'pool) 35.52; 18, R. Morgan (Oxford) 35.55; 19, S. Rogers (L'pool) 36.12; 20, A. Horne (Edin.) 36.15; 21, M. Taylor (Lond.) 36.20; 22, M. Whittaker (Lough.) 36.21; 23, A. Wesencraft (L'pool) 36.25; 24, J. Billingham (M/cr) 36.26; 25, M. Walmsley (M/cr.) 36.30; 26, D. Rees (Lough.) 36.35; 27, J. Maskell (Durham) 36.36; 28, L. Barnes (Reading) 36.37; 29, W. Sidebottom (M/cr) 36.40; 30, R. Young (Bristol) 36.41.	

Teams: 1, London U. (2. 3. 6. 7. 8. 9) **Pts.** 35

2. Liverpool U. (10.17.19.23.31.35) 135
 3. Manchester (11.13.24.25.29.48) 150
 4. Reading 153; 5. Edinburgh 188; 6. Loughborough 189; 7. Durham 264; 8. Nottingham 295; 9. Oxford 350; 10. Leeds 438; 11. Bristol 441; 12. Birmingham 480; 13. Sheffield 501; 14. Southampton 536; 15. Bangor 545; 16. Leicester 596; 17. Exeter 663; 18. North Staff. 683; 19. Cardiff 728.

T.V.H. WINTER MEETING

The Field Events meeting at Alpertown was a wintry affair, with snow falling intermittently and an icy wind, but despite these conditions everyone appeared to enjoy the meeting.

Of the 95 individuals who had entered, 46 competed for a total of 62 entries. Undoubtedly the javelin, high and long jumps suffered through travelling difficulties, conditions being much worse in other parts of the country than in West London.

Mr. Chilcott, Parks Superintendent, and his staff, again did a fine job under difficult conditions. In addition to the existing concrete hammer circle, new concrete circles for discus and shot had been provided and contributed towards the comfort of competitors and standard of performances. All jumping pits had been covered for the preceding 48 hours, and the cinder run-ups for jumps and javelin were in good condition.

Wind breaks of 6ft. high fencing, each with seating and coke braziers were provided and these were greatly appreciated and enabled competitors to shelter from the wind and keep warm between attempts. The officials did a grand job and, with the aid of Datum measuring equipment, so kindly lent by the London Instrument Co., and co-operation from competitors, were dealing with one throw per minute!

Long Jump: 1, S. Orman (Poly.) 19'10½"; 2, D. Lillistone (Camb. Univ.) 19'10½"; 3, G. Goodrich (SLH) 19'7"; 4, T. Carpenter (IAC) 19'5½"; 5, G. Roden (TVH) 19'5"; 6, B. Bale (Southgate) 18'4".

High Jump: 1, A. Bateman (Southall) 5'6"; 2, P. Pybus (Camb. U.) 5'6".

Pole Vault: 1, A. Hopkins (Walton) 10'0"; 2, T. Hamilton (S'gate) 9'6"; 3, W. Worth (Poly.) 9'6"; 4, R. Morton (Eton Manor) 9'0".

Weight: 1, D. Edelman (QPH) 44'1"; 2, T. Gaworski (Belgrave) 43'4"; 3, L. Chinnery (Wood. Gn.) 42'10"; 4, T. Bland (VPH) 42'6"; 5, A. Cook (TVH) 42'1"; 6, D. Vanhegan (Southgate) 41'9".

Discus: 1, M. Lindsay (QPH) 137'6"; 2, T. Gaworski (Belg.) 136'6"; 3, J. Butterfield (Camb. H.) 136'2"; 4, J. Sampson (Kent AC) 131'11"; 5, D. Vanhegan (S'gate) 121'7"; 6, W. Dixon (RAF) 115'6".

Javelin: 1, C. G. Smith (TVH) 189'0"; 2, E. M. Harradine (TVH) 180'10"; 3, E. W. Banister (Army) 178'5"; 4, M. F. Johnson (Poly.) 172'0"; 5, D. Vanhegan (S'gate) 148'8"; 6, A. H. Brown (S'gate) 129'5".

Hammer: 1, D. Anthony (Poly.) 173'7"; 2, I. Bain (ACH) 161'9"; 3, J. Bard (ACH) 151'6"; 4, C. Harper (RAF) 151'4"; 5, P. Porter (Belg.) 146'1"; 6, W. Dixon (RAF) 142'2".

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ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The All-Ireland Senior (9 miles) and Youths (3 miles) Cross Country Championships will be held at Dundonald, Belfast, on Saturday, 25th February. Entries will be accepted up till Tuesday, 21st February, and should be sent to J. E. Clarke, 92 Glenburn Road, Dunmurry, Belfast, N.I.

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conforms with the rules of the competition and the competitors named are on the programme he must perforce be satisfied. He cannot personally ensure that those declared are actually in attendance. Neither can the Referee, unless he counts the members of each team at the start. This can be done in a small race, but is virtually impossible in a major race with several hundred competitors, some stripping down at the rear, late-comers just dashing up, and the majority jogging about trying to keep warm while waiting.

An examination of the results of cross-country championships will show that it frequently **does** happen, even although it may only affect the scores of the lesser placings, for how else can one account for clubs only finishing two or three runners after a team of six has been declared. It also happened in Cambridge Harriers' Open Walk this year, although in this case it was noticed at the finish of the race and the result amended. This does not mean that club captains make a deliberate false declaration, but usually that they include in their declaration members whom they hope will turn up at the last minute.

While this loophole exists, it is best to legislate to avoid its having an adverse effect, especially as the suggested amendment has the advantage of increased simplicity.

Yours truly,

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